SUSPICIOUS ITEMS AND COMMUNITY OBSERVER's RESPONSE TO SUSPICIOUS ITEMS

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Purpose

- The purpose of this presentation is to enable you to identify some potentially suspicious items and to help you respond appropriately to such a discovery.

Agenda

- Learning objectives
- Improvised explosive devices
- Response to suspicious items

Learning Objectives

- Identify suspicious items
- Describe the appropriate response if a suspicious item is discovered

Improvised explosive devices

- An *improvised explosive device (IED)* is some type of explosive or incendiary device
- Observer alertness is the single most important factor in recognizing a potential IED
- Human judgment factor is the most important part of being alert – nothing can replace the human judgment factor_

Items used in bombing attacks_

- Fire extinguishers/Propane cylinders
- Brief cases or suit cases
- Gym bags
- Plastic or paper bags
- Suspicious items can be taped or strapped to a vehicle
- **Anything Suspicious

Characteristics of some suspicious items

- Abandoned packages/boxes
- Abandoned vehicles
- Packages with abnormal or unusual size
- Packages with uneven balance or shape
- Oily stains on the package
- Wires or strings protruding from or attached to an item
- Peculiar odor (many explosives used by terrorists smell like shoe polish or almonds)

Response to suspicious items or objects

- Remain calm
- Do not touch or move any suspicious objects
- Suspend activity at the location of the suspicious package
- Immediately notify law enforcement
- Evacuate to 300- 400 meters
- Do not stand in line of sight of suspicious package or item
- Do not transmit (radios or cell phones) within 100 meters of the suspicious package

Conclusion

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